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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—See fourth page for Poetry, etc.

—Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year each come on Thursday.

—Five hundred and seventy-one years ago next Saturday the ship-compass was discovered.

—Yesterday was foggy and damp, with no favorable winds for sailing, but Shuster continued to print photographs.

—Van Dusen's store-cat works about sixteen hours out of twenty-four endeavoring to capture one of Chung Ming's pigeons. When she gets one it will make her an excellent meal.

—The bark Rival, Capt. Clements, which came in from San Francisco Wednesday evening is partly loaded with ballast, which is being carted to Main street from Capt. Flavel's wharf.

—Last evening about 6 o'clock a fine team of work horses belonging to James W. Welch, became frightened and backed off Capt. Flavel's wharf, wagon and all together. The horses, valued at about \$350, were both drowned.

—The frame for the new steam tug building for Fred Congdon in Portland, is partly out. We are informed by Capt. Fisher that the new craft will be ready for business before the Summering-visiting-Season of 1874.

—Messrs. Holson & Warren have purchased of Capt. Reed his market and stock—consolidating the same with their old established Astoria market, on Chenamus street, giving the firm additional facilities for accommodating the trade.

—Smoked Salmon, of excellent flavor, put up by Wm. Hodge of Clatsop, is to be found in market now. A. J. Donaldson, of the Washington Market, has our thanks for a sample fish—the same which we can and do consistently recommend.

—The Liberian bark Clara Louise, hence for Honolulu, reached her port of destination on the 7th ult. Her name and flag was changed at Honolulu, and she was on the berth, October 15th, loading for Astoria, as the British bark Mattie Macleay.

—It will be seen by card in another column that Mr. Fred Colbert, for five years proprietor of the "New Restaurant," on Chenamus street, has taken the "Globe," and proposes making it a place in every respect worthy of the patronage of the traveling public.

—Maps of H. J. Stephenson's recent survey of township seven north of range nine west have been completed and filed in the general Land Office, at Oregon City, and at the office of Col. E. R. Spedden, Clerk of Clatsop county. Claimants of lands in that township can now file at any time.

—H. A. Shaw, jr. who is becoming quite an adept with the brush, etc., in all branches, such as house painting, glazing, paper-hanging, kalsomining, sign writing, etc., is preparing to build a shop in this city and open a permanent business. His numerous friends will be pleased to note his success.

—Those sea gulls, protected from indiscriminate slaughter by Young America through the medium of an Ordinance of the Astoria Common Council, are among the handsomest birds that live, but as innocent as they appear, they are sometimes terrible fighters. About twenty of them caused consternation in the bay yesterday, going for a hapless Shag that had chanced to have a monster craw-fish fasten upon one of its webs. We presume it was a misunderstanding all around. The Shag suffered most.

LOCAL NOTES.

—Mr. Singlinger, for some time connected with the tinning business of Mr. Nickerson deceased, has commenced work at the new shop with Mr. Jackins.

—The British ship Middlesex hence for Liverpool, was spoken September 20th, lat. 28.01 S., long. 126.28 W., and the Otago on the 16th ult., lat. 13.30 N., long. 116 W.

—The schooner Superior, Capt. Sherburne, from San Francisco, came in the north channel Wednesday evening, and laid in Baker's bay until Thursday evening, arriving here on the 13th.

—The painful rumor reached here yesterday that Mr. Henry Kindred, chief officer of the Dixie Thompson had lost one of his hands while endeavoring to push off a tender as the steamer approached the dock. The report is that the hand was wholly lost. We hope not, however.

—The new Parker House, hotel and Restaurant, lately fitted up in this city by Mr. W. W. Parker, has been formally thrown open to the public by Messrs. Farman and Lawson, lessees. The building and everything about it is new and the proprietors will be certain to please their patrons. See advertisement, and give the Parker House a trial.

—The Oregonian criticizes the Astorian because an old pioneer of Salem introduced a progressive idea at considerable length in these columns, showing the relative advantages of travel to-day in Oregon, over that of the days when Portland was discovered, twelve miles below Oregon City. We might suggest the possibility that perhaps the Oregonian would be a trifle interesting to its readers, and the public, were it to occasionally admit a column or so into its pages upon similar topics, or something else that could be considered pure minded.

—A correspondent at Oysterville informs us that during the recent session of the County Commissioners a quo warranto was issued by Justice M. S. Griswold, commanding the Board to appear and show cause why they presumed not to allow a certain claim. The matter was the subject of curb-stone attraction for many days, but when the question came up for judicial action the Court decided that it had no jurisdiction in the matter, and dismissed the case. Oysterville is again quiet.

—One of the daily commercial journals of the Emporium informs us that "the barks Webfoot and Ellen Haake, from San Francisco, were reported outside the bar when the Merrimac left Astoria." How this world is given to moving. Next we expect to hear that the propeller Ellen Webfoot and the Alice schooner barks Haake, to illustrate, have arrived at their docks in tow of the brig Dixie Thompson, and will immediately begin discharging ballast for the Orient, and will take in a cargo of wheat for Kingdom come.

—Dr. Dodd, health officer at this port, informs us that the small-pox patient taken from the schooner Alice Haake is doing very well. He was one of the crew. No new cases have broken out. Two of the crew have previously had the disease, and as there were so few on board perhaps no new cases may occur within the time, in which case the vessel will be released from quarantine and permitted to pass up the river. The public may rest assured of one fact; that Dr. Dodd understands his duty, and will attend to it.

—Little Daisy May Case, daughter of I. W. Case, esq., entertained a large party of her juvenile lady acquaintances, on the occasion of her tenth-birth day anniversary last Thursday. The little folk began arriving about four o'clock P. M., and a very happy time indeed was spent amongst them by each until six o'clock. Such reunions are profitable, and should be encouraged. "The grandest days of this life," said a noted writer, "are those spent with children, listening to them recount their victories, tell of their hopes, etc., little realizing their future uncertainties of it all. Who would not be again a child?"

—The Bulletin informs its patrons that Congdon's "new steam tug Sedalia," Fred Douglass engineer, is at Astoria. We were never much of a negro-worshiper, in Democratic days, but if Fred Douglass is out here engineering Congdon's new steam tug Sedalia, as a matter of course there should be some pride taken in the matter; because, don't you see, to use that familiar phrase of an Oregon Printing-office: "It will advertise our State abroad, and do very much to bring Oregon into notice before the world." Barber-us if we don't believe we are right glad to hear this bit of local news; and if Fred will call around at our office we'll give him a knock-down to our auctioneer, an't it Wright? and just let him knock-down to the balance of the deer peeps here—who are dreaming, in blissful ignorance of the honor that awaits them.

—A fever of excitement begins to rage for gold mining in the Spring. The mines are about evenly divided, in the extent of fancy coloring, between the routes of the North Pacific Transportation Company, (Stickeen), and the Oregon Steam Navigation Company (Yakima). The greater the distance the coarser the gold—of course. Our advice concerning either camp would be to say, simply: let well enough alone, and stay at home—but if you do go be certain to take grub and coin enough with you to get back again. Remember Similkieen, Peace river, and the starving people who died in the endeavor to reach civilization, after having been most unmercifully bilked by just as favorable stories as these now told, of the marvelous richness of mines in British Columbia, two years ago. It is funny how ingeniously some stories are told. In the published accounts of the Stickeen mines every man, mentioned as having made strikes, "had to leave" for want of grub, or something of the sort,—yet some of them only worked a few hours, but "had to leave." This yarn is too thin.

—The great watchwords of time are "Education" and "Association." Both their desiderata are fully recognized in this organization of Grays so unprecedented in its growth; so beneficial in its aims, so wide-reaching in its influence. Of all combinations originating under strong necessities for resistance, it is the least revolutionary, the most patient and progressive. It is no part of our business to foster enmities, and widen differences, between capital and labor; but, on the contrary, to learn how these can be associated into a true equality. Capital, in the hands of educated labor, is not one tool but many, the grandest piece of its complex machinery. The increasing subdivision and specialization of labor is sufficient guarantee that the principles of co-operation will never work adversely to the interests of capital.

—The Executive Committee of the Centennial Horticultural Society met at Philadelphia, October 1st, and adopted resolutions providing for the holding of an autumnal exhibition in 1876 by the American Pomological Society, under the supervision of Committees of the latter.

—Bowen has sold the Brooklyn Union to a joint-stock company of local politicians and capitalists, and talks of selling the Independent also, and going to Europe for a long residence with his family. Which is a very sensible thing for him to do.

—The Regents of Michigan University refuse to appoint Professors of Homeopathy, as ordered by the Legislature, and the Circuit Court gives them until November 7th to show why a mandamus compelling their obedience should not be issued.

School Books.—Now is the time to buy School books to conform with the new law. For first introduction there is a discount of 30% per cent. from retail prices, as follows:

Pacific Coast—	Retail.	Introductory.
First Reader.....	\$ 25	\$ 16 1/2
Second Reader.....	50	33 1/2
Third Reader.....	75	50
Fourth Reader.....	1 00	66 2/3
Fifth Reader.....	1 25	83 1/4
Speller.....	50	33 1/2
Hopkins' Manual of American Ideas, (in place of Sixth Reader).....	1 50	1 00

All of which may now be found in Astoria, at the store of
I. W. CASE,
Chenamus street, Oct 15th

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—San Francisco, Oct. 31, 1873.—The Buoy painted Green, marked WRECK, in large White letters, has been replaced on the wreck of the Patrian.
THOS. S. PHELPS,
Capt. U. S. N., Inspector.

Church Notes.
Grace Church, (Prot. Episcopal) Rev. T. A. Hylund Rector. Divine services every Sunday at 10 1/2 A. M. and 7 P. M.; Sunday School at 1 P. M.
Congregational Church, Rev. A. W. Tenney Pastor. Divine services every Sunday at 10 1/2 A. M. and 7 P. M.; Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening, Sunday School meets at 12 M.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Nov. 14.—Gold in New York to-day, 106 1/2; Portland Legal Tender rates,—91 1/2 buying, and 92 selling.

Miscellaneous News.

Bismark has been appointed President of the Prussian Ministry.

Richard Hayes McDonnell, late of San Francisco, was accepted as a fifth juror in the Tweed case.

A corps is being formed of Americans alone to proceed to Cuba. They will probably be returned corpses "not alone."

Two men who committed the robbery on the Rock Island Railroad have been captured and are in jail at Wellington, Kansas.

General Luperon has been recalled to the command of the Insurgent forces San Domingo and will make a supreme effort to triumph or be annihilated.

The feature in the recent election in Illinois was that in 29 counties where women were candidates for County Superintendents of Schools, 11 were elected.

The loss of the steamer Ismailia is fully credited at the Ship News Exchange. She had no passengers. She was last seen on October 2d off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Reports from the manufacturing sections of New England are more cheering. There is news of a resumption of business in several places, and of running the manufactories on increased time.

Secretary Delano will, in his annual report, renew his recommendation that a census be taken in 1875, the result of which could be published in season for the Centennial celebration of Independence.

The Louisville and Nashville railroads will reduce the wages of their officers and employes 10 per cent. after the 16th inst. Other Southern roads will do the same. Wonder if a corresponding reduction in rates of fare, etc., will take place.

The seamen of New York are to have a grand street parade, with a view to influencing Congress to repeal the act creating shipping commissioners for the different ports in the country. Ship owners and masters, it is stated, are preparing a formidable petition in favor of a repeal of the act.

There are great rejoicings throughout Mexico over the adoption of amendments and additional articles to the National Constitution, abolishing peonage and separating Church and State. An extensive coup d'etat plot has come to light. Well known politicians are compromised by revelations.

A Paris dispatch of the 10th says: It is believed the compromise offered by the Right will be accepted, and it is thought that the crisis is over. A deputation will visit the Count de Chambord to request him to abandon his claim to the throne in favor of an Orleans Prince.

An enthusiastic Cuban meeting was held in New Orleans on the 10th. Resolutions were adopted condemning the barbarity of the Spaniards and calling on the Federal Government to recognize the Cubans as belligerents and requiring an indemnity and apology for recent outrages on American citizens.

Official returns are published of elections in 94 of the 102 counties in Illinois, leaving only eight to be heard from. Forty-nine of these counties have been carried by the Farmers' ticket; 15 by the regular Republican organization, and 17 by the Democrats. The farmers or anti-monopolists victory has been almost unparalleled. They have carried 49 counties against the organization of Democrats or Republican party.

A letter from Havana, dated the 5th, has the following account of the execution of the Virginian prisoners at Santiago de Cuba: Four prisoners were shot at a place made famous by previous executions, and in the usual manner, kneeling. All marched to the spot with firmness. Bambetta and Ryan showed marked courage, although the former was slightly affected toward the last. Two others were quite broken down before they were bandaged, but bore up at the last and never flinched a moment. They died without fear or regret. Bambetta and Ryan were killed at the first discharge.

No more bills of the Texas Pacific Construction Company will be allowed to go to protest, and thus John Welsh will arrange an extension with the holders. Colonel Scott says the failure of the company is virtually attributable to the scarcity of money and the consequent inability to dispose of bonds.

A Paris dispatch says the Right not only agreed to extend MacMahon's term of office to five years, but have consented that he shall be officially designated President of the Republic. By these concessions the Right have gained one Republican member, and now have a majority in the Committee on Prolongation of the President's powers. Theirs, on the 9th, said that the Monarchists had suffered a check, and that a conservative republic was assured.

Our Government is not satisfied that the Virginian was entitled to the protection of the United States. It is true she sailed from New York under American register, but it has been charged she was sold to Quesada some fifteen or eighteen months ago, at Curacao, and since that time has been sailing under both Cuban and Venezuelan flags. The indications are that the Spanish Government is disposed to act in a perfectly honest manner with the United States.

A Washington dispatch says the execution at Havana is condemned in official circles as brutal, and when all the facts attending it shall become known, should it appear that international law had been violated, immediate measures will be taken to maintain the dignity of this Government, but the Secretary of State has an idea that the Spanish Government will not be slow to make due reparation as far as in its power, judging from the friendly disposition evinced toward the United States and by expressed desire to cultivate more intimate relations of peace.

A Washington correspondent had an interview with Secretary Fish regarding the shooting of the passengers of the Virginian, and the Secretary said it was a cold-blooded murder. No one denies that Ryan and his confederates were in the commission of the Cubans. If an American is willing to enter into the service of a foreign power, he does so at his own risk, and has no right at every turn which proves inimical to his own interest or life to ask the intervention of our Government. He has voluntarily left to battle for another power. It would have been much more creditable to the Cuban authorities to have kept their officers at home, doing service where it was valuable. The Secretary added that he sympathizes with Cuba, but could not render aid in any manner which will conflict with the avowal of nations.

Ex-President Allen, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company comes to the defense of Stockwell in a statement made in his answer to a complaint made against him, from which we quote: "During the year 1873 the P. M. S. S. Co. owned a certain amount of stock of the Panama Railroad Company, but the company disposed of it during the same year to friends of Stockwell, and that when he became President of the company it had 27,000 shares of Panama stock. He often said it was desirable to obtain more funds, and Stockwell sold 15,000 shares of the stock at \$100. The remaining 12,000 shares were hypothecated or loaned for the account of the company. The proceeds of all these operations were used by the company in transacting its regular business. It is also alleged that these securities were largely enhanced in value, so that the company actually profited to the extent of one million dollars by the operations of its President. After the hypothecation of the 12,000 shares the stock began to fall, and the securities of the company were pledged to secure those with whom the transactions had been made. These securities were afterwards purchased by Stockwell, and in payment thereof he gave mortgages and notes of the Howe Sewing Machine Company. This left Stockwell to pay the company's debt of \$12,000,000, with interest, for these suits were brought after a careful examination by the Directors, who agreed to the adjournment of the claims on Stockwell's payment to the company of \$10,000,000. The capital stock is worth now about \$280,000.

—A. J. Donaldson, with an eye to the 27th, and to conform with the Governor's Proclamation, which he has posted in his office, has sent out for all the Thanksgiving turkeys he can find, and which he will have in season to fill the bill.